

Boone County Conservation Board regular meeting
Monday, May 11, 2020
Virtual video conference via Zoom

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the board was unable to meet in person. Therefore, this meeting was conducted virtually using Zoom and live-streamed to the public via YouTube. Members present: Jennifer Schieltz, Marilyn Jordan, Al Treloar, Greg Stotts, Molly Ketchum
Employees present: Ex. Dir. Scheuermann

Chair Treloar called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Motion to approve the agenda by Ketchum, 2nd by Stotts, Passed.

Motion to approve minutes of the April 13, 2020 meeting by Jordan, 2nd by Ketchum. Passed.

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann reviewed financial information and bills for the month. Ketchum moved and Stotts seconded a motion to approve monthly bills totaling \$14,723.17 and REAP – Bait Shop expenses totaling \$4888.80. Passed.

Old business:

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann gave a brief update on the Clover Woods property. The DNR Natural Resources commission hasn't met yet, so we are awaiting that. Scheuermann will keep us updated if he hears more.

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann discussed Boone County Conservation's response and policy for the current COVID-19 virus situation. The Governor allowed campgrounds to open statewide this past Friday, but Boone County Conservation decided to wait until this coming Wednesday, May 13, to open, in order to allow staff time to prepare and put re-opening protocols in place. Ex. Dir. Scheuermann went over the list of these proposed protocols. Signage about these protocols will be posted at all locations. There are also health and safety protocols in place for all BCC employees. Jordan moved and Ketchum seconded a motion to approve these COVID-19 protocols and procedures.

New Business:

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann shared information on a proposed new wedding venue adjacent to the High Trestle Trail east of Madrid. A sketch was provided by the owners of the property of their proposed plans, which include a pond, wedding seating, etc. There is some concern over drainage or water issues from this pond toward the trail, which the owner must address if it becomes an issue. There will also need to be some sort of buffer delineating the border and preventing access between the trail and the private property.

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann discussed that Alliant Energy will be doing utility work and underground boring near the High Trestle Trail in Madrid from Qf to Qw lane. This should not affect the trail itself, as it will all be underground. A draft of a proposed easement was presented to give Interstate Power and Light Company authority to construct, maintain and repair these underground lines when our property is involved. Stotts made a motion, seconded by Ketchum to

give Ex. Dir. Scheuermann authority to sign the final version of this easement from Alliant when it is ready.

Open Discussion:

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann informed the board there have been issues with the water level at Dickcissel Park and some sort of hole was recently found in the pond. Ex. Dir. Scheuermann will be going out there tomorrow to see what is going on and will update us.


All seasonal staff has been hired and started, as of today.

Member Stotts asked if we would qualify for the new Payment Protection Plan from the COVID-19 stimulus packages. Ex. Dir. Scheuermann will look into it and talk to our bank.

Stotts moved and Jordan seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:08 pm. Passed.



Alvin A. Treloar, Chair


Jennifer Schieltz, Secretary